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July 4th in Los Angeles 2014

Independence Day Festivities for the 4th of July around LA and OC

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There are dozens of festivals and celebrations for the 4th of July around Los Angeles and Orange County. The first page here includes major events from the core of Los Angeles to West Side, the South Bay and Long Beach. Page 2 is July 4th events in the Valley and Page 3 lists 4th of July events in Orange County. If you just want to hang out for the day at the beach, check out my guide to Los Angeles Beaches.

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Queen Mary Fireworks

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4th of July AmericaFest at the Rose Bowl

One of the largest fireworks displays in Southern California with music and food vendors in the nearby Arrovo.

When: July 4th, parking lot opens at 10 am, food court opens at 2 pm; stadium opens at 6:30 pm, Opening ceremonies begin at 7, Program 7:25, Fireworks at 9:05 pm.

Where: The Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena

Cost: \$13 GA,\$25 reserved, \$30 premium, Kids 7 and under and Active Military with ID Free, advance tickets on sale in May through www.ticketmaster.com. Box office a week before and cash only at the stadium.

Parking: \$20 cash for cars **Info:** 626-577-3100,

www.rosebowlstadium.com/RoseBowl Americafest.php



Parade
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Palisades Americanism Parade

Old fashioned Independence Day Parade followed by entertainment and a fireworks display.

When: July 4th, Skydivers 1:50 pm, 2:00 parade, 6:30 pm entertainment, 9 pm fireworks

Where: Parade on Sunset Blvd. in Pacific Palisades between via de la Paz and Drummond St., Entertainment and fireworks at Palisades Charter High School.

Cost: Parade Free, reserved grandstand tickets for a fee, Concert \$5

Info: www.palisadesparade.org

July 4th at Grand Park

Grand Park in the LA Civic Center is celebrating Independence Day with a four-block block party. They're adding a rooftop fireworks display with special effects with pyrotechnics. The Main stage and viewing area are located between Hill Street and Grand Avenue.

When: July 4, Music begins at 4 pm, light show at 9:30

Where: All four blocks of Grand Park in downtown Los Angeles 200 N. Grand Avenue, between Grand Avenue and Spring Street

Cost: FREE

Parking: \$10 under the park or at the Music Center

Metro: Red Line to Pershing Square Station (Civic Center/Grand Park station will be partially closed)

Info: grandparkla.org

3-Day July 4th Celebration at the Hollywood Bowl

For 2014 Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers will be headlining the three-day Independence Day celebration with fireworks each night at the landmark Hollywood Bowl.

When: July 2-4th, 7:30 pm

Where: Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N Highland Ave, Hollywood, CA 90068

Cost: \$15-\$243 + fee
Info: www.hollywoodbowl.com
Hollywood Bowl Visitors Guide

Annual Vision Outside 4th of July Jazz and Blues Festival in Leimert Park

Celebrate the 4th of July at the Vision Theatre in Leimert Park with jazz and blues, children's arts and crafts, face painting, delicious food, and free watermelon

When: July 4, 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm (2014 To be confirmed)
Where: Vision Theatre back lot, 3341 W. 43rd Pl., Los Angeles

Cost: Free

Info: 213-202-5500, www.culturela.org

Mr. & Mrs. Muscle Beach, Venice Beach

Body building pageant on the beach.

When: July 4th, 9 am to 5 pm, registration 7:30-9:30 am, pre-judging 10 am, finals 1 pm

Where: Venice Recreation Center, 1800 Ocean Front Walk, Venice Beach

Cost: Free to watch, \$80 to compete

Info: californiabeachbodybuilding.com, 310-399-2775

Westchester 4th of July Parade

LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual parade with over 1,000 participants and 5,000 spectators. Floats, marching bands and community

groups

When: July 4th, 11 am

Where: Loyola Blvd from Westchester Park (7000 W. Manchester Blvd.) to Loyola Marymount University.

Cost: FREE

Info: <u>laxcoastal.com</u>

4th of July BBQ at the Aquarium of the Pacific

Enjoy the Aquarium at night and get a fish-eye view of the Queen Mary fireworks. Combo tickets include admission to the aquarium plus an Independence

Day B-B-Q buffet with home-style grilled entrees and decadent deserts. When: July 4, BBQ $6:00-8:00\ pm$, Aquarium open 9 am - 10 pm

Where: Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, 320 Golden Shore, Long Beach

Cost: Aquarium Admission is \$14.95 for everyone after 5 pm. Regular admission is \$25.95 Adult, \$14.95 child 3-11, \$22.95 seniors, Aquarium plus dinner

\$48 Adult, \$20 Child. Advance reservations required for dinner.

Info: 562-590-3100, www.aquariumofpacific.org
More: Aquarium of the Pacific Visitors Guide

Queen Mary BBQ, Brews and Red, White & Blues

The Queen Mary Independence Day celebration will be multi-era Tribute to Classic Americana through the Decade that time travels from room to room from the 1920s & 30's in the Grand Salon and Observation Bar through the 2010s in the Veranda Grill and Sun Deck. There will multiple DJ and live music stages, strolling entertainers and a children's area, culminating in the spectacular 4th of July fireworks show. Special hotel rates are available. You must have a special 4th of July ticket to get on board that day.

When: July 4, noon to 11 pm, Fireworks on the 4th at 9:00 pm Where: The Queen Mary, 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, CA 90802

Cost: Advance \$39.99 Adult, \$19.99 children 3-11, 2 and under Free, \$59 VIP (includes movie), Tickets at the box office or online. Add \$6 per ticket at the

door.

Parking: \$20

Info: www.queenmary.com

More: Queen Mary Visitors Guide, Queen Mary Nightlife Guide, Queen Mary Restaurant Guide

Long Beach Kids' July 4th Bike Parade

Children and adults are encouraged to decorate their bikes and themselves for this annual patriotic procession on wheels that takes place on the beach bike path in Long Beach. In addition to the bike parade, the event will include competitions for children 12 and younger, including a Patriotic Oratory Competition (advance submission required), watermelon seed spitting, and patriotic costume contest.

When: 9:15 registration to participate, 10 am parade, followed by competitions

Where: Granada Ave and the bike path, Long Beach, CA 90803

Cost: Free

Parking: Free parking in Granada Beach Lot for the event, metered street parking

Info: http://justinrudd.com/bikeparade.html

4th of July Celebration in San Pedro on July 3rd

Live music, U.S. military exhibits, tours of a Navy frigate, armed forces, and U.S. Coast Guard demonstrations, displays by the LA City Fire Department's firefighting boat, and the Washington Artillery Reenactment group followed by fireworks.

When: July 3

Where: Cabrillo Beach, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro

Cost: Free

Info: 310-548-7401, http://www.laparks.org/dos/aquatic/facility/cabrilloBeachPool.html

Soccer with Fireworks - LA Galaxy vs. Portland Timbers

LA Galaxy will take on the Portland Timbers on July 4th with post game fireworks at the StubHub Center in Carson.

When: July 4th, 7:30 PM

Where: Home Depot Center, Carson CA

Cost: \$20 and up, check ScoreBig for discount tickets.

Parking: \$15-40, Parking Info

Info: www.lagalaxy.com, 1-877-342-5499

July 4th Fireworks, Marina Del Rey

Traditional fireworks extravaganza over the main channel in Marina del Rey programmed to patriotic music broadcast over FM radio KXLU, 88.9 and relayed over loudspeakers in Chase Park.

When: July 4th, 9 pm

Where: Chase Park, 13650 Mindanao Way (1 block west of Admiralty Way), Marina del Rey. Also viewable from Fisherman's Village and Marina Beach

Cost: FREE

Info: 310-305-9545, www.visitmarinadelrey.com

July 4th Fireworks in Culver City

The Culver City 4th of July celebration will include live music, food trucks, family-friendly midway games and a fireworks display at West LA College.

When: July 4th, Gates open at 4 pm

Where: West LA College, 9000 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90230

Cost: \$5 per person up to \$20 per car for parking and festival/show, Walk-in tickets: Suggested donation of \$5 per person, \$1 for children under 6 years of age.

Info: www.culvercityfireworksshow.com

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